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For: ANHYDROUS LACTITOL CRYSTALS, A

PRODUCT CONTAINING THE SAME AND A PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION THEREOF

AS WELL AS USE THEREOF

Confirmation No.: 6168

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 22, 2004, applicants submit the following Amendment for entry in the above-identified case.

The claims are not being amended by this Response. The subject matter in the claims that are pending in the above-identified application are recited in the Response dated August 13, 2003.

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